GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District on the allegations of irregularities in award of price escalation on material/pipes procured etc. in drinking water supply projects in YSR Kadapa District taken up by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Inquiry conducted – Inquiry Report communicated - Explanation received – Show Cause Notice issued – Explanation received – imposing punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rule, 1980 – Orders – issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 283 **Dated: 24-04-2025**

Read the following:-

1. Vigilance Report No.62 (C.No.498/V&E/E2/2010), dated 27.08.2015 of Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept.
2. G.O.Rt.No.74, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.28.01.2016.
3. Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Circle, YSR Kadapa District, written statement of defence, dt.22.02.2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.609, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.6.06.2016.
5. G.O.Rt.No.736, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.7.12.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.50, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.08.02.2022.
7. Govt. Memo No.15795/Vig.VI/2015, dated 19.09.2022.
8. Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, Superintending Engineer (Retd.) RWS&S, Srikakulam, Representation, dt.29.05.2023.
9. Lr.No.Vig(IV)/RWS&S/10905/2015, dt.17.10.2023 of Inquiry Officer & CE-III, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
10. Govt. Memo No.894444/Vig.VI/2019, dt.18.06.2024.
11. Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, Superintending Engineer (Retd.) RWS&S, Srikakulam, Explanation, dt.08.07.2024.
12. Govt. Memo No.894444/Vig.VI/2019, dt.04.03.2025.
13. Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, Superintending Engineer (Retd.) RWS&S, Srikakulam, Explanation, dt.26.03.2025 to the Show Cause Notice, dated 04.03.2025.

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ORDER:-

The Director General (V&E) & E.O.Principal Secretary to Government, General Administration (V&E) Department vide Vigilance Report No.62 (C.No.498/V&E/E2/2010), dated 27.08.2015 1st read above, has submitted the report in respect of allegations of irregularities in awarded of price escalation on material/pipes procured in drinking water supply project in Kadapa District against Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Kadapa District now retired and Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, now retired, and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department of Kadapa District now retired for his lapses.

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2. Government, have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing Article of Charges vide 2nd read above against Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), on the above said allegations.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District has submitted his written statement of defense, denying the charge framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.

4. As the written statement of defense of the charged officer was not convincing, it was decided to conduct regular inquiry and in the reference 4th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri K.Kishore Kumar, Chief Engineer-III, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District. Further, orders have been issued appointing Sri P.Sanjeeva Reddy, Chief Engineer-III, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department as an Inquiry Officer in place of Sri K.Kishore Kumar, Chief Engineer-III, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department and Smt.T.Gayatri Devi, Chief Engineer-II (FAC), O/o Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department as Presenting Officer, to conduct regular inquiry into the charge framed against the charged officer i.e., Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Circle, YSR Kadapa District.

5. In the reference 9th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report and stated that the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District was held as proved in the inquiry.

6. The report of Inquiry Officer has been accepted and a copy of Inquiry Report was communicated to the charged officer, Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of Inquiry Officer vide reference 10th read above.

7. In the reference 11th read above, the charged officer, Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District has submitted his explanation and requested to exonerate him from the charge framed against him.

8. Government after careful examination of the explanation of the charged officer and Inquiry Report of the Inquiry Authority/Findings of Inquiry Officer, Government have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the charge framed against him was held as proved in the inquiry. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice has been issued to the Charged Officer duly indicating the proposed punishment vide Memo 12th read above. The explanation of the Charged Officer has been

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received vide reference 13th read above, which is not convincing. Hence, it has been decided to confirm the proposed punishment to impose against the above retired Charged Officer.

9. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose the punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently against Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.N.Srinivasulu, the then Superintending Engineer (Retd.), Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, YSR Kadapa District through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada, with a request to serve the Memo to the charged officer and furnish the served copy to the Government.

Copy to:
The General Administration (V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Kadapa District.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER